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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 2, as amended, follows:

2. (Once Amended) A composition according to claim 1 in which the primary active ingredient is a low use rate active ingredient.

Claim 3, as amended, follows:

3. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which the primary active ingredient is selected from bensulfuron-methyl, chlorsulfuron, cinosulfuron, metsulfuron-methyl, nicosulfuron, pirimisulfuron-methyl, rimsulfuron, sulfometuron-methyl, thiefensulfuron-methyl, and tirflusulfuron-methyl.

Claim 4, as amended, follows:

4. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which the primary active ingredient is present at a level of less than 30% by weight of the composition.

Claim 5, as amended, follows:

5. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which the primary active ingredient comprises bensulfuron-methyl and/or chlorsulfuron.

Claim 7, as amended, follows:

7. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 further comprising a high use rate secondary active ingredient.

Claim 9, as amended, follows:

9. A composition according to [any one of claims 7 to 9] Claim 7 in which the secondary active ingredient is present at

a level of at least 30%.

Claim 10, as amended, follows:

10. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of claims 7 to 9] Claim 7 in which the high use rate secondary active ingredient is selected from abamectin, atrazine, benomylbentazone, bifernox, bromoxynil, captan, carbendazim, chloridazon, chlorothalonil, chlortoluron, larnbda-cyhalothrin, cyhexatin, cymoxynil, alpha-cypermethrin, deltamethrin, dimethornorph, diuron, ethofurmesate, fibronil, flurtamone, glyphosate, imazamethabenz-methyl, imazapyr, imazethapyr, imadacloprid, isoproturon, linuron, mancozeb, maneb, metarnitron, methiocarb, metribuzin, milbectin, oxadixyl, oxyfluorfen, phenmedipham, propanil, propyzamide, simazine, thifensulfuron-methyl and thiram.

Claim 13, as amended, follows:

13. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 in which the dispersing agent comprises an anionic and/or nonionic surfactant.

Claim 15, as amended, follows:

15. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 13 in which the weight ratio of dispersing agent to the low use rate primary active ingredient in the composition is 0.1 to 10:1.

Claim 17, as amended, follows:

17. (Once Amended) A composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 2 further comprising as the low use rate active ingredient, bensulfuron-methyl and further comprising propanil.

Claim 19, as amended, follows:

19. (Once Amended) [Use of a] A composition according to [any

one of the preceding claims] Claim 1 being used as an agrochemical.

Claim 23, as amended, follows:

23. (Once Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 20 to 22] Claim 20 in which the composition comprises, as a secondary active ingredient, propanil and the secondary active is applied to the plant or the locus of the plant at a rate of use of less than 7000g/hectare.

Claim 24, as amended, follows:

24. (Once Amended) A process for the production of a composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 18] Claim 1 comprising preparing a wetted mix in the form of a free-flowing powder comprising a primary active ingredient and a dispersing agent and optionally other components wherein at least one component of the composition is liquid and extruding the mix to form an extrudate and drying the extrudate to for granules.